Dear Bick,

5/21/76

This is a combination update/experiment.

The experiment is to see if I can type sideways to the machine or if I'll have to make another pedestal-type typewriter table. I've been wanting to have a typewriter with a larger face. I waw finally able to have a repair made on this old portable that dates back to my college/Great Depression days. I think I'll call it my Philip Agee machine because it is identical with the one the CIA wired for sound and then had loaned to Agee while he was writing his book exposing them.

I've just finished the draft of the first of the two missing chapters in the first two parts.

We had another status call Tuesday. The patient judge's impatience and ire showed. We said practically nothing, letting her lay the Assistant United States Attorney out. He grew so embarrassed he finalyy told her he didn t know what to say. She used this to tell him what his options are. The next calendar call is on 6/11. I expect they'll have something they regard as heavy ready before then because we finally filed a motion for an inventory under Vaughn v. Rosen. This will be an enormous job. There are to my knowledge 203,500 documents to be inventoried! The judge, if she grants our motion, will have a new career ahead. And I don't know when or how I'll be able to examine all those documents or pay for the xeroxes. But what an historic thing it will be!

The only way to fight hardheads is head-to-head. I respond to each of their new dirty tricks just a little tougher.

I'm in court on another case Tuesday. That is the first status call in another suit& for the missing Warren Commission executive-session transcripts. I've forced them to give me all but two complete ones and 10 pages of a third. One of the two involves the CIA and a KGB defector they kept salted away in seclusion for three whole years after this. We are before a judge who is an unknown quantity to us, again facing the invocation of "national security." Then, on the 3rd., the court of appeals in the case that will be precedent under the new FOIA law. Oral arguments. I don't know how much time this will take. I've drafted an approach that anticipates what the DJ and FBI may do on the 11th in the King suit.

Mrs. King has condemned the new self-investigation Levi has announced in the King case. The King family lawyer may have turned on. He has assigned a just-graduated law student to read Frame-Up and cut briefs.

There is something up on both sides in the Ray case. On Ray's side I don't know what. My indications comes from one of his brothers. On the official side there is will be, perhaps before you receive this, a major journalistic effort by the Nashville Tennessean. It is run by the guy you've been reading about, Seigenthaler, formerly of the Department of Justice. His paper is going to proclaim a conspiracy involving Ray, this brother and J.B.Stoner, of the anti-Semitic National States Rights Party. This is the official line only unofficially. Indications are the story will run as soon as there is enough space. There appears to be a major local scandal in Nashville that is monopolizing page 1. It it is a crazy, desparate ploy.

And I'll be making the table. Best to all.

Sincerely,